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RESPONSE

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Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Response is submitted in response to the Office Action dated February 7, 2002, in which the Examiner set a three-month period for response.

A Petition for Extension of Time for three months is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, extending the time for response from May 7, 2002 to August 7, 2002.

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-7, 10, 11, 13 and 16-18 are all the claims pending in the application.

I. Response to rejection of claims 1-3, 5-7, 10, 11 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. § 103

On pages 2-4 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejects claims 1-3, 5-7, 10-11 and 13 as allegedly being unpatentable over Tocker (WO 91/10362 of record) in view of Burger et al. (Derwent Abstract, Derwent-ACC-No. 1993-067839) and Kogler et al. (U.S. Patent 4,772,490).